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37	G.M. Bhatnagar V/s Air India	Removal/Dismissal
38	ID raised by AIEG	Over Al Charters' Ltd.
39	A.K. Gaikwad V/s Air India	Absorption in Air India
40	Mrs. S.K. Ponda V/s Air India	Date of Birth
41	V.V. Phakde V/s Air India	Promotion
42	IFEA V/s Air India	Longhaul Allowance
43	AIEG V/s Air India	Non filling up of vacancy of Sports Officer
44	G.G. Gaikwad V/s Air India	Dismissal/Removal

Provisions under Air Transport Act and selling of Airlines shares to public

69. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Transport Act provides for an Airprt Transport Council for interaction with consumers;

(b) if so, whether this is now operational and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to sell 76 percent of shares of Air India, India Airlines and Vayudoot to the public instead of handing these over to the business houses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Under Section 30 Of the Air Corporation Act, 1953, the Central Government may, from time to time, constitute an Air Transport Council which, under Section 31, is required to consider issues referred to it by the Corporation,' Director General of Civil Aviation, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs and the Central Govemment, basically regarding operations, tariffs and financial matters. At present no Air Transport Council is functioning, since the initial problems which promoted the setting up of an Air Transport Council have all been settled.

(c) No, Sir.

Vacant posts of Traffic Officers in Indian Airlines

70. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI; Will the Minister, of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a substantial number of vacan cies in the cadre of Traffic Officers in the grade 10/12 in Indian Airlines remain unfilled;

(b) if so, what is the number of vacancies that remain to be filled up;

(c) whether there is a valid panel existing; and

(d) if so, whether the vacancies will be filled up before the expiry of the said valid panel?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As on 22nd April, 1992, there are 48 vacancies in the category of Traffic Officers under the direct recruitment quota.

(c) While valid panels for recruitment under promotion and selection quotas are in existence, action is underway to from two panels—one for

reserved vacancies and the other for general ones against the direct recruit ment quota.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Employees opposition to off loading of equity ot Airlines Shares

71. SHRI SAMAR (MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware thai the proposal for off loading up to 49 per cent of the equity of Air India and Indian Airlines is opposed by the employees of both the Airlines and they had gone on strike on 29th November, 1991 against it;

(b) if so, whether Government pro. pose to reconsider the issue; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The Air Corporations Employees Union, a recognised union of Indian Airlines' employees, had joined the industrial action on the 29th November 1991, on the. call of All India Convention of Central Public Sector Trade Unions against privatisation of Public Sector. ACEU and some other employees have expressed their apprehensions against privatisation of the twp Air Corporation. There is no proposal to privatise them.

Cost Reduction in Air India

72. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE; Will* the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Public Enterprises has suggested to Air India for cost reduction; to the extent of 5 per cent;

(b) if so, what proposals Air India has put forward to the said suggestion;

(c) whether any proposal has been mooted to reduce the cost of litigation in respect of Air India with special reference to the cases being fought against its own employees; .and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The instructions of Department of Public Enterprises issued in October, 1990 conveyed the decision of the Government. for a ten per cent cut in the balance of expenditure for the year 1990-91. Accordingly, Air lndia has taken action to reduce expenditure on controllable items of expenditure, like Overtime, Training/Travelling expenses, Transport, Telephone etc.

(c), and (d) The management of Air India is often compeued to respond to litigation initiated by employees. It is the constant endeavour of the management to keep harmonious relations with the employees and avoid unnecessary litigation and expenditure thereon.

विदेशी पर्यटकों की कश्मीर, सिक्किम और नागालैण्ड की यात्रा

73. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले एक वर्ष के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने कश्मीर, सिक्किम और नागालैण्ड की यात्रा की; और

(ख) देश के कौन-कौन से क्षेत्रों में विदेशी पर्यटकों के प्रवेश पर प्रतिबंध है और उन्हें वहां की यात्रा करने के लिए विशेष अनुमति पत्र लेने की आवश्यकता पड़ती है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) राज्य सरकारों से उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार